NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) CX-NM-060-2003-0012 Chaves County Road Dept. NM-108744

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Mineral Materials disposal (caliche) from an existing

cleared Pit.

Location of Proposed Action: T. 06 S., R. 26 E., NMPM, Sec.: 35, NE1/4

<u>Description of Proposed Action:</u> Chaves County Road Department has expressed a need for additional mineral materials. The material is to be obtained from an existing cleared pit.

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is in accordance with the approved Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP), and is consistent with existing Bureau policy and guidance.

The proposed action is consistent with State and local government programs, plans, zoning, and applicable regulations. The land is suitable for the proposed use and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

Part II: NEPA Review

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, F (10). It has been reviewed and none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

/s/Jerry Dutchover	10/23/02
Jerry Dutchover, Geologist	Date
/s/Irene Salas	10/23/02
Irene M. G. Salas Environmental Coordinator	Date

III. Decision

I have reviewed the proposed action and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with existing Bureau policy and guidance — and that the action is categorically excluded from NEPA documentation. It is my decision to implement the proposed project subject to BLM Standard Terms and Conditions for Mineral Material Sites.

<u>Compliance and Monitoring:</u> The construction phase of this proposed action and subsequent operational phases will be monitored as per regulation.

/s/Larry D. Bray	10/23/02
Larry D. Bray	Date
Assistant Field Manager	
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